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TO: Members, US Mission Liaison Group

FROM: Ed Lansdale

SUBJECT: GVN Doctrine

Attached is a draft paper which attempts to paraphrase in summary all current, official GVN expressions of Rural Construction doctrine. We want to be certain that this Vietnamese doctrine is expressed adequately and correctly, in the briefest form feasible. Thus, request that you review the draft with this in mind and give your comments or suggestions to Mr. Dan Ellsberg, the action officer, Embassy 229 or 268, by close of business on February 8. Mr. Ellsberg will then prepare a final draft, incorporating all suggestions required to make this paper complete, and show it to you for final review prior to February 10.

The completed paper will serve as the current response to task 1-G, assigned in Ambassador Porter's memorandum to the Mission Council, January 26, on required actions in connection with Warrenton discussions. Although task 1-G was included among tasks which would be postponed at this time, it was decided that it would be useful to compile a paper on current doctrine as now developed by the Vietnamese officially. Thus, this paper will be forwarded to Washington, along with other U.S. Mission papers meeting the February 10 deadline.

Distribution:

- Ambassador Porter
- Mr. Lansdale
- Mr. Chadbourn
- Members, US Mission Liaison Group

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1. Wartime conditions: practice org
2. Need for direct feedback: (via inspection team).
Educate Prov/Dist — GVN.

3. Now, use PFs as village force, back-up to hamlet People's Self Defense Force, mobile reserve.

But in pacified, "A" zone, no need for PF.

(PF's are your target for VC: PSDF are "people" ^{target} ~~force~~.)

With P.O. - people's organization and elections, people willing to join PSDF.

likewise, raise their living standards. NCO

First, find out who people are, who VC. CG

Security

PSD

PAT

P.O., Elections

Civic Affairs

NLO

NLO

Survey

CG

Conduct

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